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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith:

Japanese Patent Application 11-186987 with English Language Abstract Japanese Patent Application 11-177524 with English Language Abstract Japanese Patent Application 10-200507 with English Language Abstract

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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. The listed references are discussed in the Specification beginning on Page 4 through Page 5.

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